

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

This dependency is established inside computeDimension, in the call to rectangleValue () where the Requester is passed in. Note that in the VDimension example the invocation of dimensionValue (foo) results in a call to handleRequest (foo); rectangleValue (foo) does the same thing. handleRequest () is a VValue method that adds the Requester to a list that will eventually become the requested VValue's dependents list, thereby insuring that the requesting VValue gets recomputed the next time the requested value changes. This relationship is illustrated in FIG. 1D, which shows that Requester_C 108 becomes part of object [[B's]] A's dependents list 104b through a call to the handleRequest() method of object [[B]] A. The dependency link is made to object A because object A owns Requester_C.